



Our Lady of Purgatory

Maronite Catholic Church



November 4 -5, 2023

CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH

AMS COAT OF ARMS



The coat of arms of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is divided into three sections, one in red, one in silver or white, and one in blue – the traditional colors of the United States. In the uppermost portion, there is an American Bald Eagle holding in each claw the universal symbol of peace, a green olive branch. In the middle portion, there is a silver cross on the outline meridians of the earth. In the lowest, the red portion of these arms, are the gold and silver crossed keys of Saint Peter. The composition of the arms conveys the message and mission of the Archdiocese for the Military Services – to be Americans bearing peace; to proclaim Christ all over the world; and to carry out the mission of the Church to offer healing through the forgiveness of sins.

Almighty God and Father, look with love upon our men and women in uniform and protect them in their time of need. Give them health and stability and allow them to return to their loved ones whole and

unshaken. Be with their families and sustain them in these uncertain times.

Grant strength and peace of mind to the Veterans who have given their best for the country they love. Support them in infirmity and in the fragility of old age. Teach us to remember their sacrifices and to express our gratitude.

Manifest your tender care to those in the Military Academies who prepare for future service and to those who serve our Nation far from home. Teach us to remember the sacrifices of those whose efforts contribute to ensuring our way of life.

Bless and multiply the priests who minister to the faithful of the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Reward their generosity and keep them faithful.

Hear us as we present our prayers to You through Christ our Lord.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio

2023 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It is that time of year as we begin to prepare for the 2023 Children's Christmas Pageant which will be held on **December 9, 2023**. Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this beautiful expression of love and dedication. Please register your children for this special event in the life of the Church. This year will be performed for Bishop Gregory and our invited guests as we celebrate our dedication that weekend. I look forward to seeing all of our children participate, spreading the joy of Christ's birth to our community and beyond. For more information, please contact Fr. Vincent or Matthew Thomas.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever. Amen.”

*United States Conference of
Catholic of Bishops*

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, there will be a second collection this weekend for the Maronite Patriarchal Charities. This money is sent to the Patriarchal and is used for his charitable work. Thank you for your generosity.

SAINT JOSEPH SODALITY NEWS

Sodality will sponsor the Festival of Trees during the Christmas Bazar, if you would like to help please see Amal Barbour.

WINE AND HOST OFFERING

The altar bread and wine for the month of November is offered for John, Malvena and Joseph David requested by Joann, Anthony and Lorraine David.

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Monday through Thursday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

FAMILY PICTURES FOR DEDICATION PROGRAM

As we move closer to completion of the new Church construction, Bishop Gregory has set aside December 8-10, for the dedication of the new Church and Church grounds. That weekend will be filled with many activities and functions, including a Commemorative Church Dedication Program.

Along with many pages of the history of OLOP, it will also include family pictures for each family in the parish. I am asking each of you to please email me a very good quality picture of you and your family to include in this program book. We need to have these pictures by Sunday, November 5, 2023.

For those of you who do not have a current picture, Bruce David and Beth David have offered their services to take your family picture after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, November 4, after the 4:30 PM Liturgy, as well as on Sunday, November 5, after the 10:30 AM Liturgy. I thank both of them in advance for their talents and help. I am hoping that every family will send a picture for this special booklet. Should you have any questions, please contact me at the office.

GOD BLESS YOU ABOUNA TANIOS

I received this beautiful letter from Abouna Tanios Abi Ramia that he wanted me to share with all the parishioners of OLOP. He was truly touched by your love and support. We continue to pray that God will hear our prayers for good health for Abouna Tanios and that of his family. We ask this all through the intercession of Our Lady of Purgatory. Amen

Ermej 10 October 2023

Dear pastor of Our Lady of Purgatory, New Bedford, Massachusetts, United States,

I, Father Tanios Abi Ramia, from Ermej, served in the parish of Our Lady of The Rock for 31 years. For health reasons, I was obliged to be homebound but I continue my service from home.

By this letter, allow me to thank you and the deacon and the parish for all your efforts to raise an amount of money as a gesture of charity towards me.

May the Lord repay you and protect you and bless you all.

Pray for me and you will always be in my prayers.

*Yours Truly
Father Tanios Abi Ramia*

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2023

The Christmas Bazaar is now underway for planning. This year our bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 10AM- 6PM, and Sunday, November 12, from 10AM- 3PM.

If anyone would like to donate Holiday raffle baskets, items for the Caravan Auction, or monetary donations for the food, we would certainly appreciate this. You may contact contact Smitty Cabral (508-961-8599), Lorraine David (or the Church office (508-996-8934).

More details will follow next week. Please mark your calendars and in us for this beautiful celebration.

NEEDED GIFTS FOR THE CARAVAN AUCTION, BASKET RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION AND THE KID'S ZONE GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN



Items needed include:

Electronics, housewares, giftware, tools, gift cards, gift baskets, sporting event tickets, jewelry, toys, sporting goods etc.

We also need small children's gifts for the game tables such as:

Books, coloring books and crayons or markers, small cars and trucks, dolls, stuffed toys, puzzles models, games etc. We need gifts of various values from \$2-\$25, \$25-\$50 and \$50 and up.

If you wish to donate but have no time to shop, you can donate the money and we will shop for you.

All help in any amount is greatly appreciated.

BAZAAR NEEDS LIST

12 Cases Water Bottles

4 Cases Coke

5 Cases Coke Zero

3 Cases Orange Soda

4 Cases Sprite / Ginger Ale

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saints Vitalis and Agricola). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Annie and Thomas Farris requested by Helena Tavares and family. May their souls rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Thomas, Helen and Mary Anna David and the deceased members of the family requested by Mariam David and Family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 5, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Asya the Righteous). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Souad Keiruz Yazbeck requested by Raed and Viviane Yazbeck and family. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for all the veterans of the United States of America from Our Lady of Purgatory Church.

Saturday, November 11, @ 4:30 PM, (Feast of Saint Mennas and His Companions, Feast of Saint Martin). Liturgy is being offered for the souls of John, Melvina and Joseph David and for their living family members requested by Mariam David and family. May their souls rest in peace.

Sunday, November 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Feast of Saint Theodore). Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Helen Yamine requested by Milad and Sousou Maalouf. May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the soul of Elisabeth Grenier requested by family (FM). May her soul rest in peace. Liturgy is being offered for the souls of Joseph Saseen, Julia, Alex, Nicholas, John and Sophie Kalife requested by family (FM). May their souls rest in peace.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR....

Anyone who would like to offer the sanctuary candle for a loved one or special intention, this will be offered each week. An offering of a \$10.00 donation is appreciated.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Jimmy Kalife, Wassim Chedid, Rose Dupre, Rana Choubah, Nigel Hitchings, and Joseph Barckett.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Fadi Bark, Johnny Kalife, Vicki Thomas Marini, Jacques Barbour, and Smitty Cabral.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Michael Bruce, Magda Moosa, Alice Daher, Sister Juanita Marie, Sharon Conti, David Techlin, Debbie Freedenberg, Josephine Chedid, Efrangieh Daou, Reggie Thomas, Peter Helmer, Renee Helmer, Natalya Sarkis, Octavia David, Jacob Rego, Amal Assaf, Denise Magaletta, Fernanda Thomas, Angela Scorza-Anderson, Theresa John, Laurette Bou Ramia, Annie Peter, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Edmond Salameh, Ed Da Rocha, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list, please contact the Church office.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/6-11/11/23

Monday:

Hebrews 10: 11-18
John 17: 1-8

Tuesday:

Hebrews 10: 19-25
John 17: 9-13

Wednesday:

Hebrews 10: 26-31
John 17: 14-19

Thursday:

Hebrews 10: 32-39
John 17: 20-23

Friday:

Romans 5: 12-16
John 17: 24-26

Saturday:

Romans 5:17-21
John 15: 15-21

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

2023

Saturday, November 4,
Mae Dickinson

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 5,

Jacques Barbour / Rana Choubah

Saturday, November 11,

Rachael Higgins

Intercessions: Anna and Helen Higgins

Sunday, November 12,

John Barbour / Halim Choubah

Saturday, November 18,

Annemarie Espindola

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 19,

Ann Dupre / Gaby Baroody

Saturday, November 25,

Smitty Cabral

Intercessions: Eric Tavares

Sunday, November 26,

Mae Dickinson / Jano Baroody

(If you are not able to read on your given day, please contact Mae Dickinson).

WEEK OF OCTOBER 28-29, 2023

Sunday Collection	\$ 1,483.00
October Online Giving	\$ 1,191.26
Bazaar Raffle	\$ 130.00
Bazaar Food Donations	\$ 410.00
Donations	\$ 100.00
Candles	\$ 30.00
Total	\$ 3,344.26

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

ST. THERESA CHURCH PRESENTS
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH, 2023

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